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INDOT Provides Roadmap for Local Agencies About ARRA Highway Funds

Key Dates, Approval Process Focus on Speed, Geographic and Work Diversity, and Jobs

INDIANAPOLIS – INDOT today announced the detailed information on the application and approval process that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and other local government agencies will use to obtain American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for highway projects. In addition, INDOT is posting all information on the Internet at http://www.in.gov/indot/2926.htm.

INDOT's priorities are speed, having projects that represent a variety of highway work all around the state, and creating jobs for Hoosiers.

"Major Moves is an unprecedented effort to create and sustain jobs across Indiana, create economic development opportunities and build permanent assets. Now, with federal ARRA projects, we'll be doing even more," said Mike Reed, commissioner-INDOT. "Governor Daniels directed state agencies to move fast on ARRA projects, and INDOT has done that and will continue to do just that."

Key Funding Amounts

According to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Indiana will receive \$658 million in highway funds. The funds will be distributed as follows:

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• State projects: \$440,838,364

• Transportation Enhancement Projects: \$19,739,031

• Local Agencies:

o Group I (MPO):

\$84,898,430

o Group II (MPO): \$26,347,789

o Cities, counties, towns with populations under 200K and not part of an MPO: \$86,144,093

Key Dates:

On February 17, President Barack Obama signed into law the ARRA.

On March 3, funds were made available to Federal Highway Administration for use on ARRA highway projects.

Construction on state and local highway projects funded through the ARRA must be completed by February 17, 2012.

INDOT Project Lists

Indiana has already advertised 55 projects in 36 different counties with an estimated value over \$83 million.

"As soon as we award these bids we can start putting Hoosiers to work," Reed said.

The Next Steps



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Over the next two weeks, INDOT district managers will meet with representatives from the 14 MPOs and other local government planning agencies to provide them with detailed information the types of projects that will qualify for ARRA funds and the application process.

Reed said that INDOT will do everything possible to accelerate the approval of high quality highway projects so they will benefit Hoosiers as rapidly as possible.

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